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COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Austria

25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1C

DATE OF CONTENT 29 May to 1 June 1952

25X1 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 21 July 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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SOURCE

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1. On 4 June 1952, a column of trucks [REDACTED] each towing an AA gun with a flash hider, was seen leaving Camp Apetlon (P 48/X 74). Five officers and about 40 men, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were on three trucks, while billeting equipment including straw sacks were on the fourth truck. The ranking officer was a captain. Upon reporting to a lieutenant colonel with red-bordered black epaulets in front of the officers' billets on the northwestern perimeter of Apetlon, the unit was driven to the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67). (1) On 1 June 1952, about 40 AA guns having flash hiders and truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, were seen in Camp Apetlon. [REDACTED] stated that the camp commander was Lieutenant Colonel Aksenov (phonetic spelling) (fnu) and that the troops practicing at Apetlon came from Austria and Hungary. (2)

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2. Trucks which hauled coal from the Wilfleinsdorf (P 49/X 67) railroad station to the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch on 4 June 1952 [REDACTED] all trucks were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia.

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3. On 2 June, a Soviet train coming from the direction of Vienna was unloaded at Bruck an der Leitha (P 49/X 71) railroad station. The train consisted of 4 boxcars with 11 officers and about 50 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia; four 4-axle flatcars with T-34 tanks [REDACTED] and four 2-axle flatcars with trucks [REDACTED] and tank truck [REDACTED]. The ranking officer was a major. The unit moved toward the camp in the woods; each T-34 tank carried one lieutenant and three men. (3)

4. On 29 May, 12 canvas-covered AA guns and several motor vehicles stood in the cantonment on the western border of Wiener Neustadt (P 48/X 34). (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The AAA unit probably belongs to the 2500th AAA Regt of the 13th Gds Lecz Div which is carried in Kaisersteinbrunn.
- (2) It is known that the Apetlon AAA range is regularly used for training by Soviet AAA units from Austria and Hungary.

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- (3) [redacted] the tank unit unloaded in Bruck belongs to the 14th Gds Lecz Regt of the 13th Gds Lecz Div. The tank training site near Bruck has been used by minor tank units for firing practice with live ammunition since March 1950.
- (4) The AAA unit observed since mid-July 1950 has not been identified.

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